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SUBJECT 1. Demands for Gold Bars from Chinese Businessmen
2. Disappearance of Tsingtao Officials and Businessmen

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1. Several wealthy Chinese businessmen have recently received letters, ostensibly signed and chopped by Communist groups, demanding payment of sums of gold bars.
2. Recipients are all of the opinion that this is merely a cover being used by the 11 Pacification Area Command for further exaction of squeeze.

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3. Since about 7 April several executives of local government business enterprises and officials of the municipal government have disappeared. Among them are LIU Wen-tung, assistant manager of the electrical works; CHUNG Tsi-ying of the Quarantine Service; an official of the Public Works Bureau; several executives of China Textile Industries; and various businessmen.
4. These persons are being held at Youth Training Headquarters, which is said to be the military secret police headquarters of the 11 Pacification Area.
5. No ransom or blackmail attempts have yet been made, and reasons for the abductions are not known. An official letter from the police to the military has met with a negative reply.

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